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1. Attached as Annex "A" are the figures for the 1952 nonferrous metal supplies and distribution up to the end of the third quarter. Notable are the following points:

- (a) Supplies of the principal metals were up to or beyond those planned.
- (b) Supplies of bronze and antimony were greatly in excess of the original plan, the latter chiefly from Chinese imports.
- (c) There was a large increase in the supply of magnesium all of which came from the only two plants in East Germany producing this metal, i.e. Rackwitz¹ and Elektrochemische Kombinat Bitterfeld, but no export took place.

2. Imports during the third quarter of 1952 came from the following countries:

USSR: Copper
Lead
Bronze
Tin
Cobalt
Zinc
Nickel
Mercury
Cadmium

Poland: Zinc

Bulgaria: Lead

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3. Imports for the last quarter of 1952 are planned as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Metal</u>	<u>Quantity (in tons)</u>	<u>Route</u>
USSR	Copper	1800	Via Frankfurt/Oder
USSR	Lead	1600	Via Frankfurt/Oder
USSR	Zinc	200	Via Frankfurt/Oder
USSR	Nickel	120	Via Frankfurt/Oder
USSR	Mercury	50	Via Frankfurt/Oder
USSR	Cadmium	15	Via Frankfurt/Oder
USSR	Cobalt	5	Via Frankfurt/Oder
USSR	Tin	236	Via Frankfurt/Oder
USSR	Bronze	650	Via Frankfurt/Oder
USSR	Bismuth	8	Via Frankfurt/Oder
Poland	Zinc	750	Via Forst
Czechoslovakia	Lead	154	Via Bad Schandau
	Nickel	50	Via Bad Schandau
	Copper	900	Via Bad Schandau
	Bismuth Foam (sic)	35	Via Bad Schandau

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1. Comment: Probably Leichtmetallwerk, Radekowitz

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(in metric tons)

Annex A

METAL	1952 Plan (Where known)	Supply		Imports	Miscellaneous ²	TOTAL	Consumers	Distribution Russian Sponsored Organizations	Balance on 1 October 1952
		East German Production VEB	SAG						
Copper	36,096	19,152	N11	9,982	324	29,458	28,012	693	753
Aluminum alloy	14,401	8,740	-	-	497	9,239	9,040	69	128
Lead	25,848	11,538	-	5,265	335	17,138	16,822	30	286
Zinc		2,932	-	6,697	725	10,354	9,851	323	180
Bronze	1,923	2,115	-	1,498	1,322	4,935	2,295 ⁴	1,554 ⁴	1,086
White Metal (Weissmetall) WM 80	-	-	-	100	6	106	103	-	3
Brass	1,970	1,357	-	-	259	1,616	1,373	138	105
Tin (pure)	-	100	-	387	112	599	211	54	334
Nickel	600	101	-	356	7	464	479	-	45
Solder	309	120	-	145	110	375	289	12	74
Antimony	452	93	-	700	356	1,149	162 ⁵	750 ⁵	237
Mercury	450	-	-	229	16	245	219	13	13
Magnesium	-	1,900	-	-	247	2,147	2,064	15	68
Cadmium	50.3	-	-	14	1	15	14	1	-
Cobalt	28.2	-	-	19	10	29	24	-	5
Bismuth	-	5	-	-	14	19	6	-	13

- Comments: 1. There has been no change in the figures for chromium, molybdenum and tungsten.
 2. Miscellaneous includes the end of year balance, return stock and various small acquisitions.
 4. These figures show the withdrawal of allotments from East German consumers in favor of Russian-sponsored ones.
 5. The heavy reduction of the East German allotment in favor of Russian-sponsored organizations can be noted.

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